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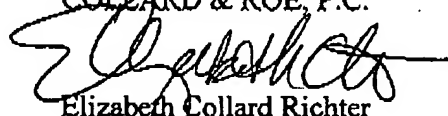
FROM: Elizabeth Collard Richter - COLLARD & ROE, P.C.
Reg. No. 35,103RE: U.S. Serial No. 10/690,415
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MESSAGE:

Enclosed is a Response to Restriction Requirement mailed February 2, 2005.

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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****MAR 01 2005**PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: MARTIN WEBER ET AL.-4 EXAMINER: F. HITESHEW
SERIAL NO.: 10/690,415 GROUP: 1765
FILED: OCTOBER 21, 2003
TITLE: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SILICON SINGLE CRYSTAL
WHICH IS DOPED WITH HIGHLY VOLATILE FOREIGN
SUBSTANCES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS
Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2005,
Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

The Patent Examiner has required an election of one of the
following two species for further prosecution:

Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a process for producing
a silicon single crystal;

Group II: Claims 4-6, drawn to a silicon single crystal
that is doped.

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ELECTION:

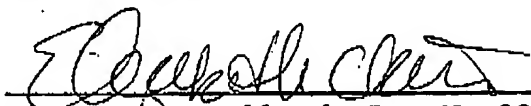
The Applicants respectfully elect herewith the invention of Group I, drawn to a process for producing a silicon single crystal, as set forth in claims 1-3, for further prosecution.

Applicants believe that any search for the invention embodied in claims 1-3 would necessarily include a search for the invention embodied in claims 4-6. Thus, a simultaneous search of both groups is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner. In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all of the species. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications for the same invention does not serve to promote the public interest. This is because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTIN WEBER ET AL.-4

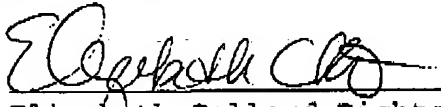
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